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Sir/Madam:

COMMUNICATION MEMORIALIZING APPLICANTS' DECEMBER 29, 2003 REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This Communication is submitted to memorialize Applicants' December 29, 2003 Request for Continued Examination.

On July 28, 2003, a Final Office Action was issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). December 29, 2003, Applicants made a Request for Continued Examination if the December 29, 2003 Proposed Amendment in Response to the July 28, 2003 Final Office Action does not place the above-identified application in condition for allowance. Since the six (6) month deadline for responding to the July 28, 2003 Final Office is January 28, 2004 and since Applicants have not received any response from the Examiner regarding the December 29, 2003 Proposed Amendment, Applicants hereby request that the Examiner treat this Communication and the December 29, 2003 communication as a Request for Continued Examination with extension of time if necessary. The required fee for the Request for Continued Examination is THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND (\$385.00). Applicants hereby

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authorize the Commissioner to charge THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$385.00) to Deposit Account No. 50-1891 to cover the fee for the Request for Continued Examination.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants undersigned Attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee other than the THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$385.00) for the Request for Continued Examination is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

Respectfully submitted,

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